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1. The following military units were stationed at Pleven:

- a. The 4 Army, commanded by General Karachov or Kara Ivanov;
 - b. An unidentified infantry regiment, [redacted];
 - c. An unidentified artillery regiment, garrisoned at Skobolev Park in western Pleven, equipped with short-barrelled, large-caliber guns. [redacted] approximately 10 Soviet M-13, 132mm. rocket launchers attached to this unit;¹
 - d. An unidentified tank regiment, garrisoned in eastern Pleven, commanded by a general,¹ equipped with approximately 100 Soviet tanks, mostly JS-2 model;¹
 - e. An unidentified signal regiment;
 - f. An unidentified engineer regiment; and
 - g. An unidentified supply battalion.
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2. The following units were stationed at Lom:

- a. An unidentified tank unit, equipped with approximately 50 Soviet JS-2 tanks;
- b. An unidentified border battalion, commanded by Colonel Khristov who was transferred from Pleven to Lom during late 1950; and

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- c. An unidentified naval unit, approximate strength 50 men, equipped with three 30-meter boats which were armed with two machine guns each.
3. Reservists in the Lom area were recalled for a 45-day period for temporary training in the use of Soviet arms and weapons.
4. The following is a list of trudovak personnel:²

First Lieutenant Kirchev

First Lieutenant Lavov

Captain Yalimov

Major Kristyu Kanchev

First Lieutenant Stanev

First Lieutenant Todorov

Captain Kashev

First Lieutenant Koshev

First Lieutenant Donov

Second Lieutenant Marko Petrov

5. The following construction projects were either completed or were in the process of completion:
- a. The Petrokhan dam, located at Petrokhanski Prokhod (N4307 E2307), approximately 12 kilometers south of Berkovitsa, was completed in 1949. The dam is approximately 340 meters long, 8.5 meters high, 3.2 meters wide at the top and 8 meters wide at the bottom, and was to begin furnishing water power for the Petrokhan, Berziya, Klisura, and Berkovitsa hydroelectric power plants in 1951. The construction engineer, a certain Preobrazhanski, escaped from Bulgaria to Yugoslavia with the construction plans in August 1950; and
- b. Two concrete gasoline storage tanks were being constructed between Lom and the Danube river, approximately 500 meters east of Lom.

1. Weapons were identified by the use of sketch references.

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